

surfaces of the recesses 22 and 24 by welding or gluing." (Col. 3, ln. 3-8). Thus, Yeh teaches away from use of a *clip* that attaches and thermally couples the folded fin structure to the base because Yeh describes cooling fins being joined to a cooling plate by welding or glue.

Claims 2-3, 5-9, and 23-24 depend, directly or indirectly, on claims 1 and 22, respectively, and are patentable over Yeh for the reasons argued above, plus the elements in the claims. If an independent claim is nonobvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103, then any claim depending therefrom is nonobvious. MPEP § 2143.03.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-3, 5-9, and 22-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (612) 349-9592 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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